

Item: 6.2
CC Agenda: 11/29/05



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Gonzales

SUBJECT: Attachment to memo from Mayor,
Vice Mayor, Councilmembers
Campos and Williams

DATE: November 28, 2005

Approved

RD for RB

Date

Attached is a replacement copy of Attachment A of the memo on item 6.2 from the Mayor, Vice Mayor Chavez, Councilmembers Campos and Williams. The original copy was missing page 2.



Date: August 30, 2000

Committee Meeting Date: N/A

Board Meeting Date: September 7, 2000

BOARD MEMORANDUM

ACTION X DISCUSSION INFO

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Peter M. Cipolla
General Manager

FROM: James E. Pierson
Director Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Resolution Designating the Downtown/East Valley Transit
Improvement Program as VTA's Next Priority

APPROVED ACCEPTED ADOPTED DENIED DEFERRED
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors
Sandra A. Weymouth, Secretary

BY: [Signature]
DATE: 9-7-00

RESOLUTION NO. 00.09.58

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution designating the Downtown/East Valley Transit Improvement Program as VTA's next priority after the 1996 Measure A + B Transportation Improvement projects.

BACKGROUND:

VTA initiated a Major Investment Study (MIS) for the Downtown/East Valley area of San Jose in early 1999 to identify transportation needs and develop a strategy for investing in VTA's transit system to address those needs. Following a technical evaluation of potential alternatives and an intensive community involvement program, a Preferred Investment Strategy was approved by the VTA Board of Directors on August 3, 2000, which included the following projects:

- Light Rail Transit (LRT) on Santa Clara Street and Alum Rock Avenue from Downtown San Jose to the Capitol LRT line
- LRT on Capitol Expressway from the terminus of the Capitol LRT to Eastridge Mall, with supporting bus feeder service from Evergreen area to Eastridge, and Light Rail Transit (LRT) on Capitol Expressway from Eastside Mall to the Guadalupe LRT line
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Monterey Highway from Downtown San Jose to the Guadalupe LRT Line (Santa Teresa Station)

Parallel to the Downtown/East Valley MIS process, VTA has proceeded with a major update to Santa Clara County's 20-year countywide transportation plan, Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2020. Improvements in the Downtown/East Valley area are included in the Tier 1 list of transit improvements in VTP2020.

DISCUSSION:

In a joint workshop with the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on June 21, 1999, the VTA Board declared that the Downtown/East Valley area is VTA's next priority for major transit improvements after completion of currently planned and funded projects of the 1996 Measure A + B Transportation Improvement program. In addition to approval of the Downtown/East Valley Preferred Investment Strategy on August 3, 2000, the VTA Board directed staff to prepare a resolution stating the VTA Board's position that Downtown/East Valley is VTA's next priority after completion of the currently planned and funded 1996 Measure A + B Transportation Improvement projects.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no practical alternatives. The VTA Board directed staff to prepare the resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the resolution. Four million dollars is included in VTA's FY2001 budget to proceed with Conceptual Engineering and the environmental compliance process. VTA is pursuing options to secure funding for implementation of the Preferred Investment Strategy. The estimated capital cost for implementation is shown in the table below:

	Construction Cost	Vehicle Cost	Total Cost
LRT on Santa Clara/Alum Rock	\$248M	\$38M	\$286M
LRT on Capitol Expy. from the Capitol LRT Line to Eastridge Mall	\$215M	\$16M	\$231M
LRT on Capitol Expy. from Eastridge Mall to the Guadalupe LRT	\$270M	\$22M	\$292M
BRT on Monterey Highway	\$30M	\$8M	\$38M
TOTAL:	\$763M	\$84M	\$847M

These projects are included in the Comprehensive 36-Year Transportation Expenditure Plan approved by the VTA Board on August 29, 2000. The VTP 2020 expenditure plan includes \$800M for Downtown East Valley (Project T01) to cover capital costs for the Preferred Investment Strategy, with \$500M from the 30-year sales tax and \$300M from Federal New Rail Starts. Supplemental funding may be made available from funding identified for VTP 2020 Bus Rapid Transit Corridors. Additional funding for new light rail vehicles is also included in the Transportation Expenditure Plan and funded from the 30-year sales tax.

Attachment: Resolution

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